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HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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Urban Poor
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

WILL the MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:-
(a) the estimated number of people living below poverty line in the urban areas;
(b) whether any survey has been conducted recently to ascertain the number of urban poor and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether any comprehensive scheme has been formulated and implemented for urban poverty alleviation and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether these schemes have failed to check the urban poverty and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MIINSTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) As per the Poverty Estimates 2011-12 released by erstwhile Planning Commission, the number of persons living below poverty line in urban areas in 2011-12 was 531.25 lakhs.

(b) A survey, to collect data regarding individual and household particulars in urban areas, was conducted along with caste enumeration and rural BPL survey by respective State Government/UT Administration as combined Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC). In the process, information regarding various individual particulars and household characteristics, viz., main source of income/earnings; housing/dwelling; amenities; assets etc., has been collected as per 'respondent based' questionnaire method, with Statuary Towns being considered urban and Census Towns being considered rural. Accordingly, in urban areas, data has been returned in respect of 299.99 million population (65.13 million household). Relevant SECC data corresponding to the questionnaire canvassed in urban areas is in public domain at http://secc.gov.in.

(c) Yes Madam. This Ministry is implementing "Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)" to reduce poverty and vulnerability of urban poor households by enabling them to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities for improvement in their livelihoods on a sustainable basis. The Scheme also has provision for Shelters for urban homeless and infrastructure facilities for street vendors.

(d) Under DAY-NULM, substantial assistance has been provided to urban poor for improving their livelihoods. Since 2014-15, 8,07,187 persons have been provided skill training, 1,35,158 beneficiaries have been assisted for setting up individual or group micro-enterprises, 1,62,185 Self-Help Groups (SHG) have been formed, 1,02,080 SHGs have been given Revolving Fund and 182,836 SHGs have been disbursed loans under SHG Bank Linkage Programme.
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